

how we are going to save our jobs, how we are going to keep higher tuition from going up? A 26 percent increase in tuition. How are America's children going to learn and have the opportunities they must have?

Something is wrong with this ticket. We have a new ticket: Kerry-Edwards, a new America for new people, so children can prosper, so that our schools can be well, so that our health system can be back to what it ought to be.

I say to America, come on, get out. It is their turn, express their views. A new America for a new American family.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHCROFT AND HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

(Mr. SHAW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today for the fifth time to speak in protest of the unfair allocation of Urban Area Security Initiative grants from the Department of Homeland Security. Broward and Palm Beach Counties in my district have not received nearly enough, no, not nearly enough, of the funding they need to keep our families and our communities safe from terrorist threats.

Attorney General John Ashcroft issued a warning in south Florida on July 1 that the terrorists behind the deadly assaults on September 11 are between 75 and 90 percent complete with their plans for a major attack against the United States this year. Mr. Speaker, our region with its ports, airports and millions of visitors cannot be ruled out as a possible target or terrorist base of operation.

In my district we are very much aware of the area's vulnerability. We are at a high level of intensity in south Florida. Broward County and Palm Beach County must be designated as its own urban area so that we can receive the funding we need to enhance the security measures that will protect our families, our communities and critical infrastructure.

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The City of Miami cannot be trusted to allocate these funds.

#### FORCING KEN LAY AND FRIENDS TO REPAY STOLEN FUNDS

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, today is the first good day that Grandma Millie has had in a long time. Disgraced former Enron chairman Ken Lay has surrendered to the authorities. This is an important milestone. Many Americans, including myself, worried that Lay's close ties to President Bush would permit him to go free. I am

heartened that it appears those fears have been proven wrong.

But while Lay's arrest is an important step on the road to justice, justice will not be complete until the victims of Enron's crimes get back the money that Lay and his cronies stole from them. The full scale of Enron's greed is laid bare on recently released tapes, where Enron traders openly crow about stealing millions of dollars each day from Grandma Millie.

What a shame. My congressional district in Los Angeles is full of Grandma Millies, hard-working homeowners who pay their bills on time and in full. They deserve better than this.

I call upon all of us to join to force Ken Lay and his friends to repay the total amount of stolen money.

#### SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS WITH 7(a) LOANS

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, small businesses are the economic engine of this country. My home State of Nevada is considered one of the most business-friendly States in the Nation. In fact, Nevada has the fastest growing number of women-owned small businesses in the country.

The Bush administration talks about the importance of our small businesses, yet the President's budget eliminated funding for the SBA's 7(a) loan program. Our entrepreneurs depend on these loans as the only source of affordable, long-term financing for their small businesses.

Yesterday, the House voted to restore the funding for this program. That sent a clear message to this administration that we will not tolerate this attempt to jeopardize the strength of the small business community.

Yesterday's vote was a vote for small businesses in Nevada and throughout the United States that depend on the SBA's 7(a) loan program to live their dream of owning a business, expanding their existing business, and hiring new workers.

It is time for new leadership in the White House. We need a President that not only talks about the importance of our small businesses, but follows up those words with action to fight for our small business community.

#### VALUES

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the administration likes to wrap itself in so-called middle-class values. Let us compare the rhetoric to the record.

This administration has gutted section 8 housing. America's most vulnerable citizens literally may be evicted from their homes as a result.

This administration has refused to extend unemployment benefits, even though the money is there to help America's economically disadvantaged.

This administration has rolled back environmental regulations, fouling the air we breathe and the water we drink.

This administration has lavished tax cuts on the rich, and crumbs on the middle-class.

This administration has underfunded education to such an extent that every child is left out, not just a few left behind.

This administration did such a good job of working with big drug companies that they were able to raise prices three times the rate of inflation before the prescription drug bill passed.

These are not middle-class values. Middle class values are common sense, common decency and the common good.

Middle-class values are going to return to the United States in 117 days.

Mr. Speaker, let the President know he ought to start packing. They are about to leave.

#### PRAISING SELECTION OF JOHN EDWARDS AS RUNNING MATE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I want to praise JOHN KERRY's selection of Senator JOHN EDWARDS as his running mate.

For more than 2 decades, Senator EDWARDS has been fighting on behalf of the little guy against America's large corporate interests. JOHN KERRY picked the perfect running mate to complete a ticket that brings hope to middle-class Americans that their needs will no longer be ignored at the White House.

Senator EDWARDS talks movingly and effectively about two Americas. Over the past 3 years, the bridge between them has grown dramatically, thanks to failed policies pushed by the Bush administration that benefit only the privileged few. I am confident the Kerry/Edwards ticket will energize Americans to demand a change of course and support a new vision for America.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3598, MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2004

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 706 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 706

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for